

The Anchorage Amateur Radio Club News Bulletin

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**General Meeting
April 4, 1997 7 PM**

Program

Internet Alaska

"Routing from Anc to National System"

"Wireless Access - Packet"

**"Use of Internet to Communicate with Outside During
Emergency"**

What's Up?

General Meeting First Friday of Month - Carr-Gottstein Bldg APU Campus 7 pm
Second Bldg on the left.

Board Meeting - Second Wednesday 7 pm - Grant Hall APU Room 150

VEC Testing - 1st Wed 6:30 pm, Carr-Gottstein Bldg.; 2nd Saturday, 2 pm Hope
Cottage - 530 W. International Airport Rd. Enter Rear of Bldg.

3rd Wednesday, VFW Hall - Eagle River 7 pm

No appointment needed. Bring copies of previous testing. Bring Photo ID.

SCRC General Meeting 2nd Friday of Month 7 PM Room 220 Bus Ed Bldg UAA

"1964 Earthquake - Continued

He remembered that the Alaska National Guard was just finishing their annual encampment at Fort Richardson. George wanted to get the military to assign the guard to patrol the devastated area. He attempted to call General Reeves, but the telephone system was not working. He and Pauline went to the car and started to go to Elmendorf to see the General

On the way they stopped at the power plant on Third Avenue. They saw that the gas line feeding the power plant had been ruptured along Third Avenue just east of the Post Road. The crew in the power plant, of course, were aware of the gas line rupture. They were busy checking the alignment of the generators and the turbines. They intended to convert the turbines from gas to oil. The City had constructed a 300,000 gallon tank across the street for oil to be used in an emergency. The feature of converting to oil was installed by Westinghouse upon the instructions of the City when the Turbine generators were built. The tank was kept filled if an emergency arose.

The Sharrocks continued the trip to Elmendorf after a minute or two. It took a little time to locate the General since he was at his communications headquarters contacting Washington about the earthquake. When he was told about the problem of sealing off the damaged areas, he asked if we desired military take-over. He was assured that this would not be necessary but that we wanted to have the National Guard assigned to patrol duty in the damaged areas. He said that he would try to contact the Army at Fort Rich. The National Guard General could not commit the Guard without orders from the Governor. General Carl could not reach the Governor, so he came down town and had the Amateur Radio operators in the basement of the Public Safety Building contact the Governor in Juneau. The Governor authorized the guard to set up the patrols that the City needed, under the direction of the City. Within an hour or so the Guard people reported for duty. When it was learned about the slides in Turnagain, the guard was also dispatched there for guard duty. These actions prevented those without City authorization entering the downtown area, and only residents were permitted to enter the Turnagain area.

Right after the quake, there was much confusion demonstrated, mainly because of the lack of communications, with the small number of radios which the police and fire department had. Most information that we obtained came from people coming to the Public Service Building and telling what they knew. In order to end this problem in the early stages after the earthquake, the mayor called for an emergency meeting at 3:00 AM for that same night. All City, State, Military and many other organizations were invited to attend. The purpose of the meeting was to get all information possible on what death, injuries and destruction had taken place in this area. We wanted to establish priorities and who would carry out the tasks, in order to eliminate duplication of efforts. The people invited were contacted by radios, where possible, and by runners making direct contact. We got them all there at 3:00 AM. Sharrock explained that the meeting was to first learn what happened, what the priorities for action should be and decide who would take responsibilities for things to be done, to avoid duplication of efforts.

Each agency and person related what they knew had happened. Then each group or agency agreed what they would do, in the agreed upon plans, to handle the first problems first and then the follow-up actions. The meeting lasted about two hours, and helped greatly in the emergency phase of the disaster.

Incidentally, about a couple of weeks after this meeting, the Army asked all the persons who had attended the early morning meeting to assemble for motion pictures of a re-enactment of the event in the Public Service Building. Most attended. This filming was used in a general film that the Army made of the earthquake. They also used other film that they had taken, plus some private filming. Some were from outside Anchorage, including Valdez and Seward. A few years later George's son was a captain in the Army Reserve at Fort Rich, when some of the copies of this film were disposed of. He was able to get two or three copies of the film, which he still has.

Another result of the early morning meeting was that Genie Chance, a reporter for KENI Radio, arranged to bring a vehicle, equipped with radio equipment on it, to the front of the Public Service Building and have immediate relay to the home station for broadcasting. In this manner she was able to keep the public informed of what was going on in the City Headquarters.

Pauline Sharrock was assigned the job of coordinating the efforts of locating missing persons. Many people were reported to the Red Cross and the Salvation Army as being missing. There were as many as a hundred names that came to Pauline's desk. The lists were turned over to Genie Chance for broadcasting. It took about three days to clear all names.

Early the night of the quake George went to radio station KFQD and made a broadcast on what was known about the quake and what was planned. Many people had come to the Public Safety Building for information. He believed that it would be a service to the public to get information by radio instead of having to come downtown. He warned the people about the dangers of driving since all street lights were out, and it could be dangerous on the streets. He stressed that there were sure to be many after shocks, and that it could be dangerous when driving. He tried to refute any rumors which were prevalent, such as an expected tsunami. They were advised that if one were to come up the Inlet we would have time to warn those people living in the low areas.

There was a natural factor which prevented one—the tide of Cook Inlet was going out and probably would have cancelled any in-coming wave. However, Kodiak, Valdez, Seward and several islands had huge tidal waves, which killed many people and caused great damage. The tsunami caused by the quake reached Crescent City, California. The shores of Antarctica were washed by waves going all the down the Pacific Ocean. There were reports of water in wells in the eastern part of North America falling, then rising in a day or two.

To be continued in the May Newsletter

There will be a mass casualty earthquake drill taking place on Friday, May 2, 1997. The scenario will be as follows:

The earthquake will register 7.1 and will be followed by an aftershock of equal strength. Both quakes will cause damage. Damaged areas will include Bartlett High School, Mears Junior High School, the Port of Anchorage, and the Alaska Railroad Depot (under the A/C couplet bridge). Also as a result of the earthquakes, a truck or tanker will roll over and spill some type of hazardous material (said material will remain unknown until after the drill starts.) There will be about 120 victims affected by the earthquakes and the hazardous material.

We need volunteers at the following places:

Bartlett High School

Mears Junior High School

on buses

EOC (Emergency Office Coordinator)

Port of Anchorage

Alaska Railroad Depot

Providence Hospital

Columbia Alaska Regional Hospital

Alaska Native Medical Center

Elmendorf Hospital

Red Cross

We may need hams at some of the secondary hospitals and at other places.

If you can participate in this drill, please contact Lil Marvin NL7DL at 277-6741 until April 1st. After April 1st, please contact Bob Baker NL7UH at 345-4692, or Susan Woods NL7NN at 243-5833.

Dear Members,

Jan 30, 1997

Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,000. We needed it badly to continue building and repairing the repeaters that we all enjoy using. A great deal of work was done on them this past summer and fall and your gift made that possible! Thank you so much!

Sincerely,
Maryanne Allan, Secretary
Arctic Amateur Radio Club

BALANCE SHEET
As of 3/ 3/97

AARC95-All Accounts

Account	3/ 3/97 Balance

ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
AARC Gaming-	39,550.23
AARC Holding-	817.48
Bond Account-	5,263.40
Business Acct-	1,356.56
Life Membership-	22,852.58

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	69,840.25

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 TOTAL LIABILITIES	 0.00
EQUITY	
EQUITY ACCOUNTS	
Open Bal Equity-Opening Bal Equity	75,073.43

TOTAL EQUITY ACCOUNTS	75,073.43

CURRENT EARNINGS	-5,233.18

TOTAL EQUITY	69,840.25

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	69,840.25
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	CALL	FROM	TO
ANCHORAGE			
JAMES D. ADKISON SR.	WL7NJ	TECHNICIAN	TECH PLUS
JASON T. BRINDELL		NO LICENSE	TECHNICIAN
KESHA S. BRINDELL		NO LICENSE	TECHNICIAN
MARVIN CARPENTER JR.		NO LICENSE	TECHNICIAN
BRADLEY J. HUSBERG		NO LICENSE	TECHNICIAN
ZORA P. MARTIN		NO LICENSE	TECHNICIAN
ROBERT D. SPEARS	NL7UW	TECH PLUS	GENERAL
BETHEL			
BIG LAKE			
BYERS LAKE			
DELTA JUNCTION			
CAROLE L. BOWDRE		NO LICENSE	TECHNICIAN
TOMMY C. BOWDRE		NO LICENSE	TECHNICIAN
FLOYD E. CARTER		NO LICENSE	TECHNICIAN
TROY H. HAWKINS		NO LICENSE	TECHNICIAN
ROBERT E. TRULOVE		NO LICENSE	TECHNICIAN
JAMES F. WATFORD		NO LICENSE	TECHNICIAN
EAGLE RIVER			
CURTIS C. CONNER	WL7CSD	TECH PLUS	GENERAL
ERSA W. KELLEY JR.		NO LICENSE	TECHNICIAN
MYTHN L. LYNN		NO LICENSE	TECHNICIAN
FAIRBANKS			
GUSTAVUS			
HAINES			
JUNEAU			
GERALD W. BUCKLEY		NO LICENSE	TECHNICIAN
ROBERT D. DEWEY	WL7QC	TECHNICIAN	GENERAL
SARAH C. MOORE (12YRS)		NO LICENSE	TECHNICIAN
ERIK H. PEDERSEN (13 YRS)		NO LICENSE	TECHNICIAN
JANEANN R. TWELKER		NO LICENSE	TECHNICIAN
KENAI			
BARBARA J. GILLE		NO LICENSE	TECHNICIAN
NOME			
WARREN R. LITTLE		NO LICENSE	TECHNICIAN
MIKEL R. McCREARY		NO LICENSE	TECHNICIAN
JOHN J. MIKULSKI		NO LICENSE	TECHNICIAN
BRUCE H. TWEET		NO LICENSE	TECHNICIAN
PALMER			
PETERSBURG			
SOLDOTNA			
TRAPPER CREEK			
VALDEZ			
WASILLA			
WILLOW			

NOTE (TECHNICIAN - NO CODE TECHNICIAN)

(TECHNICIAN PLUS - TECHNICIAN WITH H.F. PRIVILEGES)

submitted by Roger Hansen, KL7HFQ, VEC Director)

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NOTICE

If you move and do not notify the Membership Chairman of your Change of Address you may not get your Newsletter. The Club is tired of paying +/- \$.20 to send you a N/L and then paying \$.32 to find out that you have moved! So Please send us a Change of Address whenever it comes about!! Thank You!



TRIED TO "BORROW" SOME GEAR FROM A MOBILE, BUT THE GUY CAUGHT ME --- SHEESH, WHAT A SORE HEAD!!